

REMARKS

Pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-8 and 12 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 have been amended. As a result, claims 1-8 and 12 are pending for examination with claims 1, 5, 7, and 8 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Response to Interview Summary

As a preliminary matter, Applicants' representatives thank Examiner Kiss for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting a telephone interview held on April 17, 2008. During the telephone interview, possible claim amendments were discussed. As a result, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 in accordance with the discussion.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-8 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Hadjiyiannis et al., "ISDL: An Instruction Set Description Language for Retargetability" (hereinafter Hadjiyiannis), further in view of Vos, GB 2,127,188 (hereinafter Vos) and further in view of A. N. Edmonds "Microcoding and bit-slice techniques" (hereinafter Edmonds). Applicants respectfully disagree for at least the reasons previously submitted.

In view of the forgoing, independent claims 1, 5, 7 and 8 are in allowable condition. Claims 2-4 and 12 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. Claim 6 depends from claim 5 and is allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 12 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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